

THE WEATHER. Forecast and continued fog tonight and Wednesday, partly variable winds.

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TAXI BILL "JOKER" BARED BY LETTER SHOWN TO MAYOR

Independent Drivers Produce Evidence That P. and R. Rents Street to Cab Company

ASSERT MEASURE WOULD FORCE THEM TO RETIRE

Union Secretary Says \$100,000 a Year Is Paid for Stands. Fears a Monopoly

A photographic copy of a letter ostensibly directed against independent taxi operators was offered today at a public hearing before Mayor Moore by objectors against the "rental section" of the new taxi ordinance.

Mayor Moore held a public hearing this morning, and will hold another next Thursday morning on the ordinance passed last Thursday which now awaits his signature.

Independents say they will be driven from business by a "joker" in the bill which requires occupants of public hack stands to have written permission from owners of property abutting the stands.

The exhibit given to the Mayor was presumably the photograph of a letter written to the Mayor by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and dated June 9, 1920. It was addressed to W. C. Briester, general claim agent of the railway company, and was signed by the general manager of the city, although the reproduced signature was indistinct.

Asks Prompt Action. The copy reads: "Please note the attached. Will you not kindly have the matter given prompt attention and have an officer placed there until this is broken up? There is no reason why the independents should not be forced to station their cars outside the limits of our property line, which, as I remember it, about ten or twelve feet from the station platform on Chestnut street, and also that they be made to pay for the same and keep off our footwalk and property soliciting business, as we have a contract with the Quaker City people at this point."

Mayor Asks About "Slush Fund." One operator cited the Cunningham Cab Company, owned by a son of Thomas W. Cunningham, an organization leader, does work for the city. Another stated that an independent, occupying a stand near the Hotel Vendig, had been threatened with a revocation of his license on the ground that he had received many protests against the ordinance.

CLARENCE BAWDEN SUE FOR DIVORCE

Second Time Composer Has Faced Discord in Marital Harmony

Mrs. Clarence K. Bawden, who is seeking a divorce of her marriage ties. Her husband is a pianist and composer, who was divorced by his first wife in 1914.

Mrs. Clarence K. Bawden, wife of the composer and pianist, has instituted suit for divorce in Common Pleas Court No. 2.

BELIEVE MARYLAND MAN WAS POISONED

Inquiry Ordered Following Mysterious Death of Business Leader

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger. Cumberland, Md., Sept. 22.—Frederick H. Blair, aged fifty, proprietor of a wholesale meat and storage plant, died this morning under circumstances which have called for an investigation by County Coroner Joseph B. Flinn and State's Attorney Fuller E. Blair.

DIVORCE CASE INVOLVED

Several months ago Mr. Blair's wife sued him for divorce, naming a Cumberland woman as co-respondent. Mr. Blair had confessed his illness with Mrs. Blair, but she did not return to him until the end of the week.

JULIE PHILLIPS WON'T GET BANKER'S ESTATE

Ex-Husband Provided for Her in Separate Fund, Will Shows

The probate today of the will of George Lee Thompson, retired banker, who died of pneumonia September 15, revealed an agreement made between him and his former wife, the beautiful Julie Phillips, of New York, Newport and Paris, that she was not to share in his estate in any way, but should be cared for by a separate fund established by him.

ROWS OVER RECTOR BARED BY NEIGHBOR

"I Care More for Dr. Hall's Little Finger Than for Your Whole Body," Singer Told Husband

Mrs. Plumbo, mother of the children, was in the yard when she heard a shot, followed by a scream. Entering the house she saw Rose lying on the floor with blood streaming from a wound in her back. Claire was bending over the baby.

SIXTON AGAIN QUESTIONED IN DUAL MURDER MYSTERY

Discrepancies Found in His Story—Woman Tells of Phone Call by Slain Minister

Miss Ople broke a long silence this morning to say that she had been present at a quarrel between Mills and his wife over Mrs. Mills' interest in the church and the minister. She said also that quarrels between them had been frequent until a few months ago, and finally that Mrs. Mills had expressed discontent with her life and proposed to go into "retreat" from the Episcopal Church to "get away from things" for a while.

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FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL SHOOT BABY SISTER

Child Was Playing With Gun in Cambridge Street Home

Rose Plumbo, one and a half years old, and probably fatally injured by her five-year-old sister, Claire, while she was playing with a revolver at her home, 2815 Cambridge street, shortly before noon today. The five-year-old baby is in the Mary Breckinridge Hospital.

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MERCHANTS PLAN TO "BOTTLE UP" FINING SQUIRE

Indignation Meeting Today at West Philadelphia to Decide on Measures

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'Ting-a-Ling' Music Fails to Soothe Rittenhouse St.

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TURKS AGREE ALLIED PLAN OF PEACE PARLEY

Insist, However, on Right of Military Movements During Armistice Meeting

KUM KALESI OCCUPIED BY NATIONALIST CAVALRY

Kemalists, Again Invading Neutral Zone, Occupy Strategic Position on Straits

EXPECT SULTAN TO QUIT

Constantinople Fire Checked. Russia Demands Voice in Negotiations

Turkish Nationalists complete reply to Allies, accepting peace conference conditions, but insisting on continuance of military operations and admission of Russia, Persia and Bulgaria to parleys.

Nationalist cavalry occupies Kum Kaleli and Eren Keul. Former is commanding position at mouth of Straits.

Fire in Constantinople checked. Greeks send transport filled with troops to Thrace.

Sultan's retirement from throne imminent. Russia in note to Powers proposes immediate conference, but demands part in it.

Constantinople, Sept. 22.—The reply of the Turkish Nationalist Government to the allied peace note has been completed and comprises acceptance of the conditions laid down at the Paris conference, according to Essad Bey, aide-camp to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who has arrived here from Smyrna.

The Nationalists, however, insist upon their right to conduct military movements during the progress of the proposed armistice conference, and also demand admission to the meeting of all the allies of the Ankara Government, including Russia, Persia and Bulgaria.

In accordance with their determination to continue military operations the Nationalists yesterday simultaneously occupied Eren Keul and Kum Kaleli. The latter is the chief key position at the mouth of the Dardanelles. The occupying forces consisted of cavalry.

Neutral Zone Violated. Seizure of these places constitutes violation of the neutral zone of the Straits. Both are directly on the Straits. Eren Keul being between Kum Kaleli and Chanak, which latter place is held by the British. From Kum Kaleli heavy guns can dominate the entrance to the Straits from the Aegean Sea.

The Kemalists have an entire cavalry corps at Adramiti, fifty miles south-west of Chanak.

The Sultan's growing indications that he will retire from the throne is imminent.

The violent epithets said to have been used by Mustapha Kemal Pasha against the Sultan in the course of interviews with newspapermen have caused a painful dissonance in the palace. The Sultan is represented as being in an entire state of collapse, and all audiences have been suspended.

The members of his entourage are beset with fears, and one by one are leaving the palace.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

CABINET DECIDES TO RESTRICT DRY ENFORCEMENT TO THREE-MILE LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Cabinet at its meeting today decided to restrict prohibition enforcement operations within the three-mile limit at sea, except in cases where ships beyond that limit are in communication with shore through their own crews and small boats. Prohibition enforcement officials, it was said authoritatively, would be cautioned to observe this decision.

COURT REOPENS JUDGMENT AGAINST MRS. CAULDWELL

Mrs. Alice Cauldwell today won her plea to have a judgment, entered against her in favor of William D. Neillson, prominent lawyer and capitalist, reopened. The decision was by Judge Audenreid. Mr. Neillson was awarded judgment for \$1100 which he claimed Mrs. Cauldwell had borrowed. Mrs. Cauldwell is suing Mr. Neillson for \$150,000 for the "alienation" of her husband's affections.

BOOZE SMUGGLING NATIONAL PROBLEM

Administration Told Ingenuity of Bootleggers Exceeds That of Dry Agents

WOMEN OVERCOME BY GAS; ONE DEAD

Physician Detects Odor Passing House in Time to Rescue Aged Victim

CABINET TO SEEK REMEDY ACCIDENT KILLS SISTER

By CLYTON W. GILBERT. Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The question of prohibition law enforcement is before the Harding Administration and will be taken up in the Cabinet after an all-day meeting on the subject.

It is understood that the British Government is averse to extending the right of search and seizure beyond the three-mile limit, but also recognizes a responsibility for the facilities extended to smugglers in the British colonies. It is likely to use its influence to restrain its nationals from engaging in a trade which has for its object the breaking of the United States laws, but it points out that this Government must exercise its powers to restrain its own nationals.

A large proportion of the prohibition law violators are of British origin and ownership. The practice is to smuggle the ships to some British colony or extreme some sort of contract of sale which makes the ships nominally of British ownership.

The vessels then go on to the British registry and eventually to the British Colonial ports. The British position is that the responsibility for controlling this traffic rests as much upon the British Government as upon the United States.

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\$1000 RING STOLEN FROM MRS. H. M. TILDEN

Sister-in-Law of Tennis Star Reports Theft to Police

An engagement ring valued at \$1000 was stolen from the home of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Tilden, sister-in-law of William T. Tilden, 26, world's tennis champion, Germantown avenue and Broadway street, in the Princeton Club.

SULTAN'S DAUGHTER RECEIVES DIVORCE

Paris, Sept. 20.—According to a dispatch from Constantinople the Sultan's daughter, Fatma, has received a divorce from Colonel Ibrahim Hekki on the ground of incompatibility.

DIES AS AUTO HITS POLE

Frederick Cuskaden Crushed When Car Turns Over

Atlantic City, Sept. 20.—Frederick Cuskaden, dealer in auto supplies, 2006 Atlantic avenue, son of Dr. A. K. Cuskaden, was instantly killed early this morning when the automobile he was driving crashed into a telegraph pole on the New Road, between Leeds and California avenues, Atlantic City.

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FALL'S COLDEST DAY BRINGS SLIGHT FROST

Temperature Drops 21 Degrees in Less Than 24 Hours

Today added another variation to the freakish weather menu for the month. This is the coldest day of the autumn so far; also the coldest day of this September, which has averaged three degrees above normal.

A slight frost made its appearance in the suburbs and also in the northwest part of the State, and in parts of New Jersey.

There was a drop of twenty-one degrees from 3:30 o'clock yesterday, when the maximum temperature was reached, and 4 o'clock this morning, when the mercury stood at 17. In the lowest temperature for this date is 43 degrees.

On September 15, 1911, the mercury registered 45 and on September 22, 1904, it dropped to 40.

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